

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador
Armed Forces Voters/Overseas Citizens Voters Week and Upcoming U.S.
Primary Elections

June 22, 2010

Armed Forces Voters Week and Overseas Citizens Voters Week

Each Federal election year (every even numbered year), the Federal Voting Assistance Program works with the Uniformed Services and overseas citizens groups to promote voter registration and absentee voting by conducting Voting Emphasis Weeks. June 28 to July 7, 2010 is designated Armed Forces Voters Week (AFVW) and Overseas Citizens Voters Week (OCVW).

The primary purpose of this week is to encourage all citizens voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) who have not registered to vote or requested an absentee ballot this year, to do so at this time.

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents from these States and have not yet submitted a registration and ballot request (FPCA) for the 2010 calendar year, should do so as soon as possible.

The FPCA ballot application and instructions for the above States are available at www.fvap.gov/FPCA. Click on your State on the map and follow the instructions to register and request an absentee ballot. Some States allow submitting the FPCA by fax or email in addition to regular mail.

Send your FPCA NOW to your election office to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot.

Submit your Ballot Request for the June, July and August State Primaries

The following States will hold Primary Elections during the months of June, July and August:

June 22, 2010: Utah
July 20, 2010: Georgia
July 27, 2010: Oklahoma
August 3, 2010: Kansas, Michigan, Missouri
August 5, 2010: Tennessee
August 10, 2010: Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota
August 17, 2010: Washington, Wyoming
August 24, 2010: Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Vermont
August 28, 2010: Louisiana (1st Party Congressional)

Register and Request Your Ballot Now

Helpful links:

- Federal Voting Assistance Program: <http://www.fvap.gov/>
- National Voter Registration form: http://www.eac.gov/files/voter/nvra_update.pdf
(See page 4 or the form)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission: <http://www.eac.gov>
- Overseas Vote Foundation: <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>
 - OVF on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ythvoteoverseas>
 - OVF in Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Youth-Vote-Overseas/110570138939>

State	Board of Elections website
Alabama	http://www.sos.state.al.us/elections/default.aspx
Alaska	http://www.elections.alaska.gov/
American Samoa	http://205.161.14.36/
Arizona	http://www.azsos.gov/election/
Arkansas	http://www.arkansas.gov/sbec/
California	http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/
Colorado	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.htm
Connecticut	http://www.ct.gov/sots/site/default.asp
Delaware	http://elections.delaware.gov/
District of Columbia	http://www.dcboee.org/
Florida	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/
Georgia	http://www.sos.georgia.gov/Elections/
Guam	http://gec.guam.gov/
Hawaii	http://hawaii.gov/elections

Idaho	http://www.sos.idaho.gov/
Illinois	http://www.elections.state.il.us/
Indiana	http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/
Iowa	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/index.html
Kansas	http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections.html
Kentucky	http://www.elect.ky.gov/
Louisiana	http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx
Maine	http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/
Maryland	http://www.elections.state.md.us/
Massachusetts	http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/
Michigan	http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html
Minnesota	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=4
Mississippi	http://www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/elections.asp
Missouri	http://www.sos.mo.gov/ELECTIONS/
Montana	http://sos.mt.gov/
Nebraska	http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/
Nevada	http://sos.state.nv.us/nvelection/
New Hampshire	http://usgovinfo.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.state.nh.us/sos
New Jersey	http://www.njelections.org/
New Mexico	http://www.sos.state.nm.us/
New York	http://www.elections.state.ny.us/
North Carolina	http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/
North Dakota	http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/

Ohio	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/Text.aspx?page=361&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1
Oklahoma	http://www.ok.gov/~elections/
Oregon	http://oregonvotes.org/
Pennsylvania	http://www.electionreturns.state.pa.us/
Puerto Rico	http://www.ceepur.org/
Rhode Island	http://www.elections.state.ri.us/
South Carolina	http://www.scvotes.org/
South Dakota	http://www.sdsos.gov/
Tennessee	http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/
Texas	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml
Utah	http://elections.utah.gov/
Vermont	http://vermont-elections.org/
Virgin Islands	http://www.vivote.gov/
Virginia	http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Index.html
Washington	http://www.secstate.wa.gov/
Washington DC	http://www.dcboee.org/
West Virginia	http://www.wvsos.com/elections/main.htm
Wisconsin	http://elections.state.wi.us/
Wyoming	http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Elections.aspx

The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens visiting or resident in Ecuador that crime in Ecuador continues to occur at a dramatically high rate and is often violent. Low rates of apprehension and conviction of criminals contribute to Ecuador's high crime rate. Recent incidents in Quito targeted against American citizens' vehicles and residences underscore the importance of taking precautions against these and other types of crimes.

American citizens are urged to stay aware of crime trends in Ecuador by monitoring local news outlets. Further information on crime in Ecuador can be found in the Department of State's Country Specific Information for Ecuador.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov> , and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local Warden Message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Appointments for passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) or Notaries can be scheduled through the Embassy Web site: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>. Appointment times for passports and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) and are between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays. Appointment times for Notary services are Monday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Appointments times for Immigrant Visas are Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm and should be scheduled through the Call Center at 1-800-010-145.

No appointment is required for adoptions and re-entry permits. Walk-ins are welcome Monday through Thursday between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Walk-ins for Federal Benefits are accepted Tuesday and Wednesday between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Walk-ins for reports of death, to pick up passports or CRBAs or for emergencies are accepted Monday through Thursday between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.